

6230.1300 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.

Subpart 1. **National wildlife refuges open to hunting.** The national wildlife refuges described in the following subparts are open to the hunting and trapping of protected wild animals during the state seasons and subject to special federal regulations, except as otherwise provided.

Subp. 2. **Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Marshall County.** Portions of Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall County are open to firearm hunting of deer and moose. Areas closed to hunting are posted as "Area Beyond This Sign Closed," or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 3. **Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, Big Stone and Lac qui Parle Counties.** Portions of Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge in Big Stone and Lac qui Parle Counties are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer, muzzleloader hunting of deer by permit, and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, red and gray fox, gray partridge, and pheasant in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at parking areas and Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 4. **Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Aitkin and Pine Counties.** Portions of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Aitkin and Pine Counties are open to firearm hunting of deer by special permit, archery hunting for deer in designated areas, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, woodcock, and snipe in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 5. **Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Sherburne County.** Portions of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge in Sherburne County are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, pheasant, woodcock, Wilson's snipe, sora rail, and Virginia rail. Hunting in closed areas and target shooting are prohibited. Maps of hunting areas are available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 6. **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker County.** Portions of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker County are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, snipe, woodcock, rails, coots, and waterfowl in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 7. **Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Wabasha, Winona, and Houston Counties.** Portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge located in Wabasha, Winona, and Houston Counties are open to hunting except as follows: Hunting is prohibited between March 1 and September 1, except that hunting of wild turkey is permitted during the spring turkey seasons. In areas

posted closed, hunting of all protected species, except geese, is permitted beginning the day after the close of the duck season. For more information contact Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 8. Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, and Scott Counties. Portions of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge known as Louisville Swamp located near Carver in Scott County, and the Wilkie Unit in Scott County, are open to deer hunting in accordance with state and special regulations. Portions of the refuge in Hennepin, Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties may be open to waterfowl hunting. Areas open will be posted with signs saying "Open to Waterfowl Hunting - Special Regulations in Effect - Consult Refuge Manager." Other areas may be open to waterfowl hunting by special use permit.

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